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A lifelong educator, academic administrator, and community leader, Dr. Willis N. Holcombe, President of Broward Community College since 1987, exemplifies the spirit of innovation in meeting the challenges facing higher education.

President Holcombe has been widely recognized for his commitment to academic excellence and for his willingness to accept leadership positions whenever and wherever he is needed. He serves as President of the Florida Collegiate Consortium for International/Intercultural Education; as Chairman of the Florida Distance Learning Institute and of the Broward County Educational Consortium; and as a Board member and Past President of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities. In addition, he had served on the Executive Council for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

President Holcombe received his Master's in Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Florida and devoted himself to education and community service. He is the 1991 recipient of B'nai B'rith International's Great American Traditions Award and the 1992 recipient of Phi Theta Kappa's Florida's Most Outstanding College President Award. In 1996 the *Miami Herald* honored him with the Charles Whited Spirit of Excellence Award; in 1997 the University of Florida's Institute of Higher Education conferred upon him the Outstanding Graduate Award; and in 1998 Leadership Broward named him the Leader of the Year.

He has worked to overcome the challenges facing higher education as it prepares students for a role in a dynamic and ever-changing society. As president of a three-campus academic center with an enrollment of over 50,000 students, President Holcombe is well positioned to assist a diverse South Florida academic community—comprised of both private and public universities—in collaboration so that shared educational needs are investigated in an effective, interdisciplinary manner.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

As a physician assistant,

I pledge my honor and conscience in the art of medicine.

I recognize the responsibility placed upon me for the health and the very lives of others,

and will always hold their care and well being as the paramount consideration.

I will seek always to understand fully my own personal capabilities and be guided in my management

of the sick and injured by that self knowledge.

I recognize my responsibilities to impart to others who seek the profession of medicine

such knowledge of its ardent practice as I possess, and I resolve to continue to improve

my capability to this purpose.

While I keep this thought inviolate, may it be granted to me to enjoy life in my art,

forever honored by people.

OPTOMETRIC OATH

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously,
and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action
the highest standards, ethics, and ideals of my chosen profession,
and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services,
with concern, with compassion, and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain
and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable
all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain,
or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills
so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals
for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country, and humankind,
as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast of this,
my solemn oath and obligation.

PHARMACIST'S OATH

At this time, I vow to devote my professional life
to the service of humankind through the profession of pharmacy.

I will consider the welfare of humanity
and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability
to assure optimal drug therapy outcomes for the patients I serve.

I will keep abreast of developments and maintain professional
competency in my profession of pharmacy.

I will maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate change in the profession of
pharmacy that improves patient care.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization
of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty
to the profession I am about to enter.
I will be mindful always of my great responsibility
to preserve the health and the life of my patients,
to retain their confidence and respect
both as a physician and a friend
who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity,
to perform faithfully my professional duties,
to employ only those recognized
methods of treatment consistent with good judgment
and with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always
nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding
in the general welfare of the community,
sustaining its laws and institutions,
not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit
upon myself or my profession.
I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person,
though it will be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues
in a spirit of progressive cooperation
and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them
or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem
upon all those who have taught me my art.
To my college I will be loyal
and strive always for its best interests
and for the interests of the students who will come after me.
I will ever be alert to further the application of basic biologic truths
to the healing arts
and to develop the principles of osteopathy
which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a long standing tradition which originated in medieval universities in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Attired in cap, hood, and gown, the faculty would present itself and its students to the local community for inspection.

The gown was originally thought to be worn for warmth, and to denote authority and privilege. Today, black is the color of the gown for all degrees, although variations represent the difference in the level of the degree.

The medieval hood was worn as a protection from the elements, or used as a satchel to carry scrolls and books. The modern hood worn today is lined with satin in the colors of the institution conferring the degree (Nova Southeastern University colors are blue and gray). In addition, the hood is trimmed with various colors of velvet facing, each color representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted. Salmon color has been designated to represent the public health degree. Blue has traditionally symbolized sciences. Green has been selected as the appropriate color for medicine, seafoam green for optometry and olive green for pharmacy—the colors of life and growth.

The academic cap, at one time worn by freed Roman slaves, signifies the wearer's right to academic freedom, attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer, and the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

Graduates who as students have been recognized for academic achievement by an honors society are wearing honor cords. The cords are worn by members of Rho Chi, the national pharmacy honor society, by members of Beta Sigma Kappa, the international optometric honor society, and those in the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Allied Health who are graduating with honors and highest honors.

